

# FOOTBALL

## FORT HAYS



## KANSAS STATE COLLEGE

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE — 1948

Sept. 18—Kansas Wesleyan University (Sat., 8:30 p.m.) at.....HAYS  
Sept. 24—Northwestern Oklahoma Teachers (Friday) at.....Alva, Okla.  
Oct. 1—Southwestern College (Friday) at.....Winfield  
Oct. 9—Pittsburg State Teachers (Sat., 8:30 p.m.) at.....HAYS  
Oct. 16—St. Benedict's College (Homecoming, Sat., 2:30 p.m.) at.....HAYS  
Oct. 22—Emporia State Teachers (Friday) at.....Emporia  
Oct. 29—Rockhurst College (Friday) at.....Kansas City  
Nov. 6—Washburn Municipal University at.....HAYS  
(Teacher's Association, Sat., 2:30 p.m.)  
Nov. 12—New Mexico A. & M. (Friday) at.....Las Cruces, N. M.



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>(1947 results)</u> <u>FH OPPONENT</u>	
Sept. 18	* Kansas Wesleyan	Hays	28	14
Sept. 24	Northwest Okla. Teachers	Alva, Okla.	20	6
Oct. 1	# Southwestern College	Winfield	28	0
Oct. 9	*# Pittsburg State Teachers	Hays	0	0
Oct. 16	# St. Benedict's College (Homecoming)	Hays	27	7
Oct. 22	# Emporia State Teachers	Emporia	7	39
Oct. 29	Rockhurst College	Kansas City	(no game)	
Nov. 6	# Washburn University (Teacher's Association)	Hays	14	47
Nov. 12	New Mexico A. & M.	Las Cruces, N. M.	(no game)	

\* - Night Game

# - Central Conference Game

Homecoming Game and Teacher's Association Game - 2:30 p. m.

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Dr. L. D. Wooster, President of the College

Dr. E. R. McCartney, Dean of the College

Paul B. Gross, Director of Athletics

Ralph Huffman, Head Football Coach

Alex Francis, Backfield Coach

Cade Suran, Assistant Coach

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of school -- Fort Hays Kansas State College

Location -- Hays, Kansas

Population -- 8,000

Fort Hays State enrollment -- 1,000

Lewis Field Stadium capacity -- 7,000

Emblem -- Tiger

Colors -- Gold and Black

Conference affiliation -- Central Intercollegiate

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Ticket Prices:

	K-Wesleyan	Game	Conf.	Games
Adults-----	\$1.20		\$1.50	
High School Students-----	.60		.60	
Children under 12-----	.25		.25	
Season Ticket-----	4.75			

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# 1948 Football Roster

Name	Home	Yr.	Age	Height	Weight	Pos.
1. Amberg, Al	Wellington	Jr.	25	5' 10"	179	B
2. Andree, Paul	Otis	Sr.	24	6' 1"	205	C
3. Augustine, Harold	Hays	Soph.	19	5' 11"	180	G
4. Balding, Keith	Medicine Lodge	Jr.	24	6'	178	G
5. Beggs, Joe	Ellis	Soph.	23	6'	179	C
6. Betts, Herschel	Oberlin	Soph.	21	5' 9"	160	B
7. Bickel, Richard	Dodge City	Jr.	21	6' 1"	187	E
8. Billinger, Al	Hays	Jr.	27	5' 11"	145	B
9. Bird, Eugene	Hays	Soph.	21	5' 11"	184	G
10. Blazek, Harold	Claflin	Fr.	20	5' 11"	207	T
11. Bolan, John E.	Plains	Fr.	18	6' $\frac{1}{2}$ "	173	E
12. Brin, William	Plainville	Jr.	24	5' 9"	155	B
13. Brown, Roger	Smith Center	Jr.	19	5' 11"	175	C
14. Campbell, Bill	Beloit	Jr.	20	5' 10"	160	G
15. Carmody, John	Hays	Soph.	20	5' 11"	170	B
16. Casler, Irving	Little Falls, N.Y.	Soph.	23	6'	202	T
17. Costello, Lew	Scott City	Fr.	18	5' 10"	155	B
18. Cronn, Arden	Athol	Soph.	20	6' 1"	190	E
19. Davis, Don	Mankato	Sr.	24	5' 9"	158	C
20. Dickerson, John	Meade	Sr.	21	6'	206	T
21. Douglass, Jim	Larned	Fr.	17	6' 1"	190	E
22. Dougherty, Walter	Natoma	Fr.	17	5' 9"	160	B
23. Dreiling, Wilmer	Hays	Jr.	21	6'	185	T
24. Egbert, Adrian	Hill City	Fr.	20	5' 11"	164	T
25. Emerson, Raymond	Oberlin	Soph.	22	5' 11"	175	G
26. Emrich, Clovis	Miltonvale	Fr.	21	5' 6"	160	B
27. Farley, Jim	Meade	Soph.	22	5' 7"	147	B
28. Filbert, Edward	Bazine	Fr.	17	5' 11"	142	E
29. Farout, Robert	Sublette	Jr.	23	6' 1"	194	B
30. Feasel, Robert	Belleville	Soph.	22	6'	185	E
31. Finney, Jack	McPherson	Fr.	17	5' 9"	145	B
32. Gibbs, John	Delphos	Fr.	18	5' 8"	145	B
33. Greenstreet, Herb	Offerle	Fr.	22	5' 8"	180	B
34. Guthrie, Kenneth	Wellington	Jr.	23	6'	205	T
35. Hague, Jack	Oberlin	Jr.	22	5' 10"	165	B
36. Harman, Archie	Kinsley	Sr.	26	5' 6"	183	G
37. Hartman, Nelson	LaCrosse	Sr.	20	6' 4"	210	T
38. Henry, Jack E.	Plainville	Soph.	23	5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	190	G
39. Hertel, Don	Hays	Jr.	21	5' 8"	165	B
40. Hess, Gene	Herrington	Fr.	17	5' 10"	160	B
41. Honeycutt, Ted	Herrington	Fr.	17	5' 8"	145	B
42. Hornbaker, Carol	Stafford	Soph.	21	6'	170	E
43. Hooper, Wilford	Stockton	Soph.	18	6' 1"	200	G
44. Hubbard, Joe	Waldo	Soph.	19	6' $\frac{1}{2}$ "	192	T
45. Huxman, Dale	Arnold	Sr.	24	5' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	160	B
46. Johnson, Charles	Hays	Jr.	22	6' 3"	245	T



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Name	Home	Yr.	Age	Height	Weight	Pos.
47. Johnston, Harry	Palco	Jr.	21	6' 1"	194	E
48. Jones, Art	Hill City	Fr.	19	6' 2"	192	C
49. Jones, Leslie	Hill City	Soph.	21	5' 10"	187	R
50. Jones, Melvin	Spearville	Jr.	24	6' 1"	184	T
51. Kennedy, Robert	Oberlin	Soph.	19	6'	155	B
52. King, Vincent	Barnard	Sr.	25	5' 9"	200	G
53. Koerner, Donald	Hays	Fr.	19	5' 7"	165	G
54. Kraus, Gayle	Belleville	Jr.	22	5' 10"	160	B
55. Leiker, Donald	Bushton	Fr.	18	5' 7"	170	G
56. Leuszler, Don	Almena	Jr.	23	6'	178	E
57. Lowe, Gleyne	Wakeeney	Sr.	25	6'	175	B
58. McConnell, Rex	Minneola	Soph.	21	6'	185	B
59. Matal, Eldon	Otis	Fr.	17	5' 8"	160	B
60. Marxmiller, Rex	Smith Center	Jr.	21	6'	178	B
61. Mitchell, Lee	Loveland, Colo.	Soph.	21	5' 10"	172	G
62. Moore, Jim	Otis	Fr.	18	5' 9"	170	C
63. Moeckel, Don	Sylvia	Jr.	20	6' 2"	195	E
64. Morris, Phillip	Wellington	Soph.	22	6' 3"	218	G
65. Murphy, John	Garden City	Jr.	24	5' 10"	201	G
66. Nichol, Don	Palco	Jr.	20	6' 2"	178	E
67. Pearson, Charles	Garfield	Soph.	19	5' 11"	175	B
68. Peoples, Dwight	Meade	Fr.	21	5' 9"	150	B
69. Pettigrew, Jim	Dighton	Fr.	17	5' 11"	175	G
70. Pfiefer, George	Hays	Soph.	23	6' 1"	170	E
71. Rathbun, Harry	Atwood	Jr.	25	6' 3"	205	T
72. Reinking, Richard	Dorrance	Fr.	17	6' 3"	220	T
73. Roberts, Leon	Lewis	Soph.	20	6' 2"	190	B
74. Schlegel, Elman	Otis	Fr.	18	5' 8"	165	B
75. Schrepel, Leslie	Claflin	Fr.	17	5' 11"	195	T
76. Seuser, Lester	Bison	Fr.	17	6'	165	E
77. Simmons, Fred	Mankato	Jr.	22	6' 1"	170	E
78. Skubal, Raymond	Jennings	Jr.	23	5' 10"	160	G
79. Sumpter, Wes	Downs	Fr.	20	5' 9"	150	B
80. Thornburg, Dale	Oberlin	Soph.	25	5' 10"	149	B
81. Tomlins, James	Wellington	Fr.	20	5' 11"	175	B
82. Tompkins, Marion	Byers	Fr.	19	5' 9"	169	B
83. Vann, Martin	Meade	Fr.	19	5' 11"	145	E
84. Wells, Vaughn	Osborne	Fr.	18	5' 10"	190	T
85. Wolfe, Jack	Chase	Fr.	18	6'	210	T
86. Ziegler, Robert	Collyer	Fr.	18	6' 1"	140	E



THE COACHING STAFF

PAUL "Busch" GROSS, director of athletics, who piloted the Fort Hays State basketball teams for sixteen years, is acting chairman of health and physical education, and director of athletics and men's physical education. He is also assisting Coach Huffman with football.

Gross entered Fort Hays State as a freshman in 1917, served in World War I, and graduated in 1922 after starring in football and basketball for his Alma Mater. "Busch" holds a bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State and a master's degree from the University of Missouri. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he coached a year at LaCrosse, one at Howard, and six years at Augusta where he turned out championship teams.

Gross came back to his Alma Mater as head basketball coach in 1930. His teams have tied for the conference title twice and have been in the second spot many times. "Busch's" teams were near the top consistently.

RALPH "Red" HUFFMAN, head coach, moves into his third year as head man at Fort Hays State. Taking over after a war-time lay-off two years ago, "Red" found himself faced with the task of completely re-building the Tiger eleven. The 1947 season resulted in a tie for third with Southwestern. The 1948 season shows promise of being a successful one.

"Red" was named all-conference and all-state football center the fall of 1936. After receiving his degree in 1937, he coached for two years at Atwood high school and for three years at Dodge City junior college. In 1942, he received his master's degree from the University of Missouri. That fall he became a member of the physical education and coaching staff at Fort Hays State. In 1943-44, "Red" served on the physical education staff in the Army Aviation program here at the college. In the fall of 1945 he joined the coaching staff at the University of Kansas where he was line coach in football.

Coach Huffman is married and has two sons, Dave and Don.



ALEX FRANCIS, backfield coach, also serves as head track coach. He returned to his Alma Mater in September of 1946 in this capacity. His track team annexed the Conference Crown during his first season as head track coach. His 1948 cinder team tied with Emporia for the conference championship.

Francis, a star place-kicker in football, was graduated from Fort Hays State in 1935 and received his master's degree from the University of Missouri in 1940. Alex coached football and track at Mankato, Holton, Oberlin, and Abilene high schools. He was discharged from the Army Air Corps, where he was a physical training instructor, with the rank of Captain. Besides his coaching and teaching duties, Alex is director of the men's intramural program at Fort Hays State.

Coach Francis is married and has two sons, Mike and John.

CADE SURAN, assistant coach, also serves as head basketball coach. He assumed the head basketball coaching duties two years ago. During his first year as head mentor he instilled his brand of ball into the Tiger squad which carried his team to a successful season. His basketball team tied for third during the 1948 season.

Suran attended high school in Kipp, Kansas. He later was enrolled for a time at Emporia State Teachers College. He then attended Kansas Wesleyan University and was a varsity forward four years. He was high scorer in the Kansas Conference in his sophomore and junior years and was captain of the all-conference team when he was a junior. He coached five years at Downs and in 1937 his team was runner-up in the state class "B" basketball championship. In 1938, Downs won the state title. He then coached for five years at Wellington. In his third year there, Wellington won the Ark Valley championship for the first time in the history of the school. In 1946 his team took third in the state class "AA" championship.

Coach Suran is married and has two daughters, Sue and Kay.



1948 TIGER PROSPECTS

Another Tiger football season, another Tiger football team. But what's in store? To state things as short and direct as possible, the words of Coach "Red" Huffman himself are appropriate: "The team will be smaller this year, but it will also be faster."

First, what kind of a schedule do the Tigers face. One thing is certain, it isn't an easy one. Opener for the Tigers will be perennial rival Kansas Wesleyan, and next the team goes against the rugged Rangers of Northwestern Oklahoma Teachers. After Northwestern, the Tigers are really in for tough sledding. Southwestern, Pittsburg, St. Benedict's, and defending CIC ruler Emporia State--every one a conference team--go against the Tigers in that order. Each will be out to win the CIC flag. Rochurst, which will officially be admitted into the conference this winter, and Washburn, will be no let-ups in the schedule. To conclude the season, FHS will meet New Mexico A. & M. There they are. Nine of the toughest in the mid-western area.

To find out just what the Tigers have to offer against this array, a once-over of the individual positions might be helpful.

Center is a good place to start. Leading the list is burly Paul "Butch" Andree who jarred his way to all-conference recognition last season. He'll take care of his share of line-backing. To help him out are fireball Don "Gabby" Davis, Roger Brown, Joe Beggs. These are the four men who will most likely handle the pivot duties for this year's team.



At guard, FHS won't be weak. Gone is Wendell Stull, all-conference a year ago, but back are four lettermen guards and a number of top-drawer prospects. Keith Balding, reconverted tackle, seems a probable successor to Stull. "Automatic" Archie Harman, superb place-kicker, and John Murphy will feud with Balding for starting positions. Two smaller fellows, Ray Skubal and Billy Campbell, have already proved with their knifing thrusts through opposing lines that they merit much defensive action. To bolster those already mentioned are such promising candidates as Ray "Tuffy" Emerson, freshman Donald "Pete" Koerner and former full-back Vint King. The guard positions should be capably handled this season by this list of men.

Many people believe that loss of joltin' Joe Jellison, twice an all-conference choice, means that the Tigers are greatly weakened at the tackle spots. The situation is far from that. John Dickerson, a transfer from K.U., has indicated that he can put out what it takes to fill Jellison's uniform. Kenneth "Gus" Guthrie, Joe's running mate a year ago, will be rarin' to go. Behemoth Charlie Johnson is slated for heavy-duty action, and veteran Harry Rathbun will get to see the firing line. Another transfer, Melvin Jones from Dodge City Junior college, will be on the job. Two holdovers from last year's B squad, Jo Hubbard and Wilmer Dreiling, are showing the kind of play that will earn them a chance at Tiger opponents. Yes, Jellison will be missed, but not as much as some people think.

A year ago, Coach Huffman's biggest problems was ends. Not so this fall. Don Leuszler and Harry Johnston, last year's starters, have returned. Other lettermen who will shine at the wing positions are three-sport star Don Nichol, Bob Feasel and George Pfeifer. Basketball ace Fred Simmons should do well in his first year as a Tiger gridster. Coach Red can worry about something besides ends this year.



The backfield is the question mark spot of the 1948 Tigers. Especially doubtful are the quarter and full places. But Red has some candidates on his list who figuratively smoke, and where there's smoke there's fire--maybe a fire that will set the CIC to burning.

Al Billinger, star quarterback of the 1947 team, is an individual question mark himself. If Al can keep Old Man Injury locked out of the stadium, he can likely pilot Fort Hays State to a fine season. Otherwise, it will probably be up to veteran Bob Farout to be the No. 1 man. Bob will have competition though. Newcomers Gene Hess and Jim Farley will be out to collect bouquets of praise during their first year as Tigers, and they have the stuff to do it.

Losses by graduation won't hurt this year's FHS team nearly so much as the loss of a star freshman fullback developed during last season's campaign. Leon "Blackie" Roberts became a battering ram of a line-buster in his first college year. During the summer lay-off he filled out his well-proportioned frame with meat and muscle. But Blackie won't be in the line-up this season. He was pushed out of bounds by a scholastic stiff-arm last spring. To cope with the situation, Coach Huffman has made fullbacks of two men who lettered with the team last fall. Rex McConnell, formerly an end, was transferred to the bucking back post during spring practice and looked mighty good. Former halfback Gley "Digger" Lowe will also give the position a try. Additional hopes are being attached to James "Buddy" Tomlins who has transferred from K-State. Buddy is a rock 'em, sock 'em galloper who may make the grade. These three men can make the difference between mediocrity and greatness in 1948 for Fort Hays State.



When Coach Huffman said speed, he was thinking of his halfbacks. There isn't a slow one in the lot. Heading the list of Tigers who will do most of the ball carrying are Jack Hague, Don Hertel and Rex Marx-miller. Hague deserves especial mention because he won all-conference rating last fall. The three are seasoned and crafty. John Carmody and Eldon "Cotty" Metal are speedsters who will show their cleats to opponents on a moment's notice. Each can outrun a Kansas jackrabbit. Supporting will be Herschel Betts who lettered last year as an end.

Never a season goes by without at least one unknown turning up from nowhere. As the team takes shape, many freshmen and others will prove their worth, and some few may be unrevealed stars with the 1948 Tiger eleven.

All in all, the Tigers have the stuff. It will be up to the coaches to give the team everything they can; it will be up to the team to give the coaches everything it has.

Look out, Tiger opponents. Fort Hays State is out to win in 1948.



THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF THE TIGERS

END

BOB FEASEL--Transferring from Kansas State last fall, this sophomore from Belleville was declared eligible in time to earn himself a letter during the latter part of the season. Bob's outstanding accomplishment as a wingman is his rugged defensive play. He was married this summer.

HARRY JOHNSTON--With two years of experience now behind him, Harry will be counted on for plenty of action this fall. His exceptionally fine blocking earned him a starting berth on last year's squad. Harry, a Navy veteran and a junior from Palco, has earned two K's in football.

DON LEUSZLER--Two years ago Leuszler was a fullback. Last season, however, Coach Huffman shifted Don to an end position and the result exceeded all expectations. Don is always an excellent pass target. Before coming to FHS, he was in the Navy. He is now married and the father of two children. A junior from Almena, Don earned his second K last fall.

DON NICHOL--Last year Don Nichol became the first Fort Hays State athlete since 1937 to win letters in three sports. Besides capably handling a relief role at end with the grid team of '47, he performed brilliantly on the court and on the track to pile up the honors. He holds the individual basketball scoring record and 880-yard run record at FHS. As a half-miler last track season, he was the best in the CIC and proved it by galloping away with the conference championship. This junior from Palco will be out to get a second K in football.

GEORGE PFEIFER--After a year's absence from FHS, this Hays sophomore is back with the Tigers. In 1946 George earned a K and his stiff defensive play will be welcomed by Coach Huffman. Formerly an outstanding athlete for Boys Town at Omaha, George is married.

FRED SIMMONS--Freddie transferred here from Kansas State last fall in time to letter with the 1948 Tiger basketball squad. Later in the year he won the CIC high jump championship. A sophomore from Mankato, Simmons is a tall, rangy end who is expected to do well for FHS.

TACKLES

JOHN DICKERSON--John will be playing his first year as a Tiger this season. A junior from Meade, he transferred this fall from K.U. where he was a regular guard with the team of '45. He uses his 210 pounds quite effectively as an offensive blocker.

WILMER DREILING--For a lad with no high school football behind him, this sophomore from Hays made a very fine showing with the Tiger B squad last season. He is stout and hefty and should provide needed reserve strength at the tackle spot.



KENNETH "Gus" GUTHRIE--Gus is a junior from Wellington and won widespread recognition last season as a rough and tough tackle. As a starter for the '48 squad, he earned the respect of every opponent he faced. He was with one of the outstanding teams in the state when in high school. He is now married and came to FHS after being in the Coast Guard. During both years as a Tiger gridman, Gus has won a K.

JO HUBBARD--Jo, a sophomore from Waldo, gained a lot of experience with the B squad last fall. It should prove valuable to both him and the team this year. He has 185 pounds that he uses well, both offensively and defensively.

CHARLES JOHNSON--Tipping the scales in the vicinity of 240 pounds, Charlie rates as the leviathan of the 1948 Tiger grid squad. Opponents will learn this year that he can use his large hunk of manhood to their disadvantage. He will carry much of the tackle load this season for he is a veritable cement block in the line. Charlie served in the Army before entering FHS. A junior this year, he is from Hays and earned his K last fall.

MELVIN JONES--Formerly an outstanding lineman in the Kansas Juco conference while attending Dodge City Junior College, Mel is being counted on to uphold his reputation during his first year as a Tiger. He is a junior from Spearville.

HARRY RATHBUN--Harry is a rangy junior who played his high school football at Atwood. He should see plenty of action this fall. Harry is married and has a child. During the war he was in the Army.

#### GUARDS

KEITH BALDING--Keith will be playing at a new position this year. After splendid service as a letterman tackle for the Tigers the past two seasons, he will now function from the guard spot. This shift for the junior from Medicine Lodge has been greeted with enthusiasm for it is believed that opponents will have nothing but trouble when they try to trod over Balding. He is married, has a son, and was in the Marine Corps.

BILLY CAMPBELL--Billy is renowned for getting in the hair of opponents by his knifing defensive play. Although small, he combines a fast get-away with two years experience with the Tigers to become practically a fifth man in the opponent's backfield. Billy also comes in for honors in track, placing second in the CIC javelin throw last spring. He is a junior and comes from Beloit. Last season Billy earned his first letter.

RAYMOND "Tuffy" EMERSON--Tuffy, a sophomore from Oberlin, was the bulwark of the 1947 B team line. During spring practice, Tuffy looked exceptionally good from his familiar guard spot. He also kicked points after touchdowns for the B squad a year ago. Before coming to FHS, he was in the Army.

ARCHIE HARMON--Previously known as "Mister Five by Five," this senior from Kinsley has acquired the additional title of "Automatic Archie" by kicking 18 out of 20 tries for points after touchdowns last season. He combined his converting ability with fine play, especially defensive, to nail down a starting position last year. Archie attended Southwestern college before entering the Army and he is now married.



VINCENT "Vint" KING--Changing from fullback to guard this season, Vint may possibly shake his jinx as the "hard-luck Tiger". During each of the last two Tiger grid campaigns, he has broken a leg. His steady defensive play will warrant him a second look by opponents. A K man, Vint was in the Army and a prisoner of war for 13 months.

DONALD "Pete" KOERNER--An outstanding freshman prospect this season is this former Hays High star. His dependable line play will probably be utilized often by the Tigers.

JOHN MURPHY--A junior from Garden City, John is known for the fire and spirit which he has displayed as a sparkplug letterman at FHS the past two years. Before coming to Hays, John was in the Army and a prisoner of war for 18 months. His get-up-and-go spirit will earn him action this fall.

RAY SKUBAL--Lightning-like defensive thrusts through the opponents' lines have brought this scrappy Tiger acclaim which nears the proportions of that won by his brothers who were famed linemen while at Fort Hays State. Last of this renowned gridiron family, Ray is a junior from Jennings. He served in the Army during the war and is now married.

#### CENTERS

PAUL "Butch" ANDREE--Butch has a reputation to live up to this year. Last season his alert defensive play and crashing blocking brought him honors as All-Conference center. He is big, strong and right at home when backing up a Tiger line. Paul, who hails from Otis, is a senior this year.

JOE BEGGS--A junior from Ellis, Joe will be playing at a new position this fall. In 1946 he played with the Tigers as an end. Joe should do all right at the change of location for he is a wide-awake ball player.

ROGER BROWN--Brownie won his first letter last fall and should see much action again this year. He is a junior from Smith Center. Roger is a good snapper, makes few mistakes, and is a vicious tackler from a line-backing position.

DON "Gabby" Davis--Gabby is the guy everybody likes--everybody but opponents, that is. A genuine Grade A fireball, he plays a whale of a game although lacking in size. Gabby is also well known for his excellent job as catcher with the Hays Larks' baseball team. A senior from Mankato, Don is president of the Tiger K Club. He was in the Coast Guard, is married and has a son.

#### BACKS

HERSCHEL BETTS--Hersch is a sophomore from Oberlin who won his K at end last year. During spring practice he was shifted to the backfield. He will likely see action there. During the war, Herschel served in the Navy.

AL BILLINGER--Formerly an outstanding athlete at St. Joseph's Military academy, Al has gone a long way since entering Fort Hays State. He is rated as one of the smoothest of the Tiger basketball players as well as being a cool, capable quarterback. Last season Al was the starter at the field general's position. If former injuries do not hamper him, Al will again make himself known with his excellent passing and heady play. Discharged from the Army, Al is married, has two children, and the winner of two football letters.



JOHN CARMODY--John is another lad who cut out a fair share of fame while with the St. Joseph's Cadets. There he was a fine all-around athlete, but excelled in football and track. He transferred to Fort Hays State from the University of Arizona during the spring semester. John's speed and shiftiness should make a good halfback for the Tigers.

JAMES FARLEY--Jim is a sophomore transfer from St. Benedict's. Hailing from Meade, he plays the quarterback position. As a high school gridster, he master-minded some of the famed Meade teams of a few years ago. Although standing only 5' 7" and weighing 145 pounds, Jim is a heady lad who outfoxes the bigger fellows.

BOB FAROUT--This boy is a heavy, hard-hitting quarterback who won his first letter last fall. A junior from Sublette, he played high school football at Kinsley. Besides being a capable passer and ball-handler, he is a good punter. Bob is married.

JACK HAGUE--A year ago, FHS opponents found out that Jack is an outstanding halfback from every angle. Accordingly, he was named to the All-Conference eleven at the end of the season. When they talk of the 1948 Tigers, they will also talk about Jack Hague. During the spring, he devotes himself to pole vaulting and was champ of the CIC in 1947. A former Navy man, he is a junior from Oberlin.

DON HERTEL--TNT in the flesh, he explodes from a standing start in a split second. Don's biggest assets are speed and power. As a trackman, he is tops. Last spring he won the CIC 220 and 440 yard dashes besides coming from behind to safely anchor the Tiger's winning mile relay quartet. A junior from Hays, Don is married and has won two letters.

GENE HESS--Gene is a very promising freshman quarterback from Herington. Last year he guided Herington high's T formation through a season marked by only one defeat. Not very big, he makes up for size with coolness under fire.

GLEYN "Digger" LOWE--Digger is out to make his last year as a Tiger a memorable one. This season he will work from the fullback post although previously he was a halfback. Gleyn is a two letter man and a good middle distance runner during track season. Married, this dependable ball carrier comes from WaKeeney.

REX McCONNELL--Rex, a sophomore fullback from Minneola, is proof that spring football practice will pay off. Last year he was used as an end, but during the drills last April he was found to be a pounding line-bucker. Tiger coaches are pinning a lot of hopes on this man.

REX "Pinky" MARX MILLER--Rex started his college football with the KU Jayhawks of 1945 and transferred here two seasons ago. A regular halfback last year, he is a dangerous ball player and a fine punter. Pinky is a junior from Smith Center and has won two K's.

ELDON "Cotty" MATAI--Another freshman hopeful who appears to have a great future in a Tiger uniform. As a high school player at Otis, he was on the famed team there that won 28 straight. Cotty's dazzling speed, which he displays on the track in the spring, will make him a potent half-back for FHS.

JAMES "Buddy" TOMLINS-- A great deal of this season's fullback play will be handled by husky Buddy. He is a new face with the Tigers, having transferred from Kansas State. A sophomore from Wellington, he was All-Ark Valley f.b. when a senior in high school.



## INTERESTING FACTS ON FORT HAYS STATE FOOTBALL RECORDS

### Championships:

1917 -- Won Kansas Conference Championship. First football championship in the history of the school.

Fort Hays State won 7 - lost 0.

Fort Hays State 138 points - Opponents 27 points.

1921 -- Won Kansas Conference Championship.

Fort Hays State won 6 - lost 1.

Fort Hays State 99 points - Opponents 55 points.

1934 -- Won Central Intercollegiate Conference Championship.

Fort Hays State won 6 - lost 2 - tied 1.

Fort Hays State 132 points - Opponents 64 points.

1935 -- Tied for Central Intercollegiate Conference Championship.  
Won from Kansas State 3-0.

Fort Hays State won 8 - lost 2.

Fort Hays State 172 points - Opponents 57 points.

1936 -- Won Central Intercollegiate Conference Championship. Unde-  
feated in conference play.

Fort Hays State won 6 - lost 3.

Fort Hays State 140 points - Opponents 57 points.

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### Conference Affiliation:

The first alignment in conference competition came to the Tigers in 1914 when they were admitted to the Kansas Conference.

In 1927 Fort Hays State withdrew from the Kansas Conference to join with other colleges in forming a new conference known as the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. It is still a member of this conference.

Colleges who make up the membership of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at the present time are Fort Hays State, St. Benedict's College, Emporia State, Pittsburg State, Washburn University, Southwestern College, and Rockhurst College. Rockhurst College was admitted to the Central Intercollegiate Conference in May, 1948. However, the football games will not count in conference standings this season as some of the CIC schools were unable to schedule Rockhurst because of previous commitments. Rockhurst will enter conference play with the beginning of the basketball season.



# FOOTBALL RECORDS BY YEARS

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Name of Coach
1914	5	2	0	Ira H. Van Cleave
1915	4	3	0	Whitcomb G. Speer
1916	5	1	0	Whitcomb G. Speer
1917	7	0	0	Whitcomb G. Speer
1918	2	1	0	Whitcomb G. Speer
1919	3	6	0	Alfred I. Robertson
1920	2	5	1	George G. Woodward
1921	6	1	0	George G. Woodward
1922	2	4	1	George G. Woodward
1923	4	3	1	William D. Weidlein
1924	4	4	0	William D. Weidlein
1925	2	7	0	William D. Weidlein
1926	3	5	0	William D. Weidlein
1927	3	5	1	William D. Weidlein
1928	3	4	1	William D. Weidlein
1929	2	5	0	Andrew F. Scheopal
1930	2	6	1	Jack Riley
1931	3	5	1	Jack Riley
1932	4	5	0	Jack Riley
1933	6	3	1	Jack Riley
1934	6	2	1	Jack Riley
1935	8	2	0	Jim Yeager
1936	6	3	0	Paul Waldorf
1937	6	2	1	Paul Waldorf
1938	7	2	0	Paul Waldorf
1939	2	6	1	Paul Waldorf
1940	3	5	1	Paul Waldorf
1941	1	2	6	Paul Waldorf
1942	1	8	0	Bill Bearley
1943	No Team			
1944	No Team			
1945	No Team			
1946	2	4	2	Ralph Huffman
1947	5	3	1	Ralph Huffman

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